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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging
Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee (SPAC)

(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034)

Date and Time of Meeting: October 30, 2013
10:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging and Disability Services Division
445 Apple Street, #104
Reno NV 89502

To Join the Telephone Conference: Call-in number: 888-363-4735
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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: Connie McMullen, Jerry Johnson, Kathy McClain, Barry Gold,
Sue Rhodes

Staff: Jane Gruner, Sally Ramm, Tina Gerber-Winn, Tina Padovano

Absent: Charles Perry

Guest: Daniel Mathis, Executive Director, Nevada Health Care Assoc.

A quorum is declared.

II. Welcoming Remarks Connie McMullen, Chair Meeting called to order.

III. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item.)

Barry Gold attended the Legislative Subcommittee meeting yesterday. The Subcommittee discussed a top 10 list of legislative issues. If anyone has any ideas to add to the top 10 list, please submit them to Sally Ramm before December 3, 2013.

Jane Gruner mentioned that Senior Care Plus is going to be offering flu vaccinations in various rural areas. ADSD has paid for 1,000 doses of vaccinations.

- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee Meeting of September 18, 2013 (For Possible Action)
Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie McMullen would like to make one amendment to Item V of the September 18, 2013 Draft Minutes. The Senior Fest Event was held September 3, 2013, not September 8, 2013. Jerry Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Kathy McClain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- V. Announcements from Members
Connie McMullen, Chair

Jerry Johnson is very happy with the Seniors United events that have been held at the libraries. There have been good turnouts at the events.

Kathy McClain stated that the SALT event went well. Ms. McClain hopes to hold another SALT event in the Spring.

Barry Gold mentioned that AARP is teaming up with the Southern Libraries to make presentations on the Affordable Care Act. There will be events held in Fernley, Dayton, Yerington and Smith Valley. A Resource List has been developed for the State of Nevada. Mr. Gold will forward the Resource List to Sally Ramm to be distributed to Subcommittee members.

- VI. Status of Aging and Disability Services Division Strategic Plan.
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Jane Gruner stated that surveys have been sent to staff and providers, and will be sent to consumers tomorrow. The survey will be sent out to each of the commissions and subcommittees today. We will need the survey returned by November 8, 2013. We are hoping to have at least 1,000 surveys returned to ADSD. Anyone that receives services from ADSD will receive a survey.

Barry Gold is concerned that the surveys will be divided by certain groups that are much more likely to return the survey. Senior input and participation is traditionally lower.

Jane Gruner stated that the surveys can be filtered by age.

Ms. Gruner stated that once we have the feedback from the surveys, we will be having town hall meetings so that people have a chance to voice concerns.

Barry Gold suggested that legislators are involved in the process.

Connie McMullen suggested that we get an update from other committees.

VII. Report on Status of Nevada Skilled Nursing Facilities.

Daniel Mathis, Executive Director, Nevada Health Care Assoc.

Charles Perry, Founder, Perry Foundation

Mr. Perry was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Mathis reported that skilled nursing facilities operate under a document called MDS ("Minimum Data Set"). This is an assessment of all incoming patients. We have now been using MDS 3.0 and the data flow is now very heavy.

Mr. Mathis has been working with Charles Perry on getting the data finalized. A public disclosure of the data is planned for mid January.

Mr. Mathis brought attention to the story of Nevada receiving an F grade.

Mr. Mathis explained that the incoming data will be used to guide the education of the providers. In February, the Perry Foundation is going to have an awards ceremony and announce the highest scoring facilities for both the North and the South. The data is being used to locate the facilities that need support. Diane Allen, formerly of Health Care Quality and Compliance is the President of the Perry Foundation.

The Perry Foundation has two (2) funding contracts. 1) The Health Insight Program; and 2) Health Care Quality and Compliance. The goal is to reduce the returns to acute care by forty percent (40%).

Barry Gold stated that the Health Insight Program places nurse practitioners in nursing homes, it saves costs and it keeps people where they are living.

Mr. Mathis's goal is to get Nevada to at least average before the next Legislative session.

Mr. Mathis announced that Wendy Simmon, the former BHCQC Bureau Chief, is going to serve as the Assisted Living Representative for the Nevada Healthcare Association. Wendy's experience is going to be an asset.

Connie asked why Nevada earned an F grade.

Mr. Mathis stated that the CNA staffing was at a 2.14 level which means 2.14 hours of CNA labor per resident at a skilled nursing facility. There was only one state that was lower than Nevada. 2.42 hours was the average of facilities. The LPN staffing in Nevada is average and the RN staffing is above average. This is based on the LPC stats.

Mr. Mathis stated that facilities are closing their Alzheimer's units. There is one facility left in Southern Nevada with a Skilled Nursing Alzheimer unit and they are struggling to keep the building open.

Sue Rhodes stated that the County has not received notification that any of the facilities are closing. They are required to notify the County.

Mr. Mathis stated that he is very concerned that the number of providers in Nevada will be reduced.

Sally Ramm suggested that Mr. Mathis contact the Legislative Committee on Seniors and Adults with Special Needs and give them a report about the closing of Alzheimer's facilities.

Barry Gold stated that "Money Follows the Person" helped push people out of nursing homes and into the community, and asked if there is a count of how many people this program helped to move back into the community..

Jane Gruner stated that the main problem with moving people with "Money Follows the Person" is that people still need nursing care.

Mr. Mathis will send the Quality Report to Sally Ramm.

Mr. Mathis stated that there is a State Plan amendment that was approved for people who may have behavioral issues to be admitted to skilled nursing facilities. Mr. Mathis will provide a report to Ms. Ramm regarding this matter.

- VIII. Make recommendations Regarding the Mission and Activities of the SPAC Subcommittee including but not Limited to Participation in Strategic Planning for the Priorities of the Aging Network in the 2015 Legislative session. (For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie suggested that the SPAC Subcommittee work with the Legislative Subcommittee regarding legislative issues.

Barry Gold stated that the Legislative Subcommittee has a list of 5 or 6 ways to educate legislators on senior issues. One way that the Legislative Subcommittee hopes to educate legislators is to introduce senior issues to legislators at the LCB orientation for new legislators. The Commission on Aging is a governmental committee and may be able to submit information to new legislators at the orientation.

Sally Ramm suggested that the SPAC and the Legislative Subcommittee meet on items to bring to the Legislature.

Barry Gold asked Jane Gruner to discuss the Strategic Plan being combined for both aging and disabilities.

Barry Gold stated that another consideration to help educate legislators is to combine the waivers instead of having multiple types of waivers.

Jane Gruner stated that there will be one (1) Strategic Plan. There will be separate goals and objectives for specific populations stated in the Strategic Plan.

Barry Gold asked that the list of ideas to educate legislators be included on the next SPAC agenda.

Jane Gruner stated that after the surveys are done, we will then look at holding joint meetings of the aging and disabilities commissions. People on these commissions know what the issues are.

Attention was brought to the short turnaround time for people to return the surveys. One (1) week is not enough for clients to return a survey.

Barry Gold made a motion to extend the return deadline for the surveys. The Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Connie McMullen will submit a request to Jane Gruner regarding extending the turnaround time for the surveys.

IX. Consider Agenda Items and Date and Time for the Next Meeting (For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Chair

The next meeting is scheduled on **November 25, 2013 at 9:30 AM.**

Barry Gold requested that discussion regarding a joint meeting between the SPAC and the Disabilities be included on the next agenda.

Review suggested items from the Legislative Subcommittee. Barry Gold asked that the list of ideas to educate legislators be included on the next SPAC agenda.

Joint meeting with the SPAC and Legislative Subcommittees be added to the next agenda.

Sally Ramm suggested re-wording Item VIII and including this item on the next agenda.

Nevada Healthlink Outreach (Barry Gold).

X. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item).

Barry Gold mentioned that Nevada HealthLink's television commercials in the South do not say buy health insurance to avoid a fine on your taxes anymore. Outreach to older

adults was not on the formal outreach marketing plan, that was originally targeted to people up to 49 years of age. This discussion will be on the next agenda.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:04 PM.

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2. Aging and Disability Services Division ,Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division ,Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division , Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave, Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
7. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City 89706

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